

Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Monday May 2nd, 2016; 6:00 PM Webster Hall 38 School Street

Attendance

Municipal Officers: Raymond Meldrum, Brian Hatfield, Wade Browne, John Dill, Heather Moody

Municipal Staff: Leanna Targett (Administrative Assistant)

Absent:

Public: Susan Pratt, Kim Jordan, Julie Talmage, Val Tucker, Dee Meneer, Betty-Ann Listowich, Johanna Prince, Paul Orbeton

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm and warrants are reviewed and signed.

Meeting minutes from April 18th, 2016 are reviewed. Motion to accept meeting minutes as written by Selectman Browne. Seconded by Selectman Meldrum. All in Favor.

April Financials are then reviewed. Selectman Browne asks about Public Works water line item and why it is over spent. AA, Targett states that it used to be a line item for the cemetery water but since public works has hooked onto the public water system they have been receiving a quarterly bill. Selectman Browne asks if the overage in building maintenance is from hooking up the water line. AA, Targett says yes.

New Business:

Chairman Moody notes that she would like to change the agenda in order to t hear from the people present first.

Chairman Moody recognizes Superintendent Susan Pratt. Susan says the budget is down almost 3% from last year which is a decrease to the town of Kingfield of \$33,000.00. The total budget is down \$215,000.00 from last year. Susan says we did they did not cut anything they simply rearranged some items. They looked at each line item and was spend historically over the past four years. They are going to do a ½ time partnership program at Mt. Abram which is an outreach program. The district has to pay 2 years ahead then they will be reimbursed through Foster Tech. We added 6/10 of a social worker at the elementary level and decreased secretary support. Stratton school is paid off and Strong school will be paid off this year, they are hoping to take money to deal with capital improvements. Selectman Dill asks if there is any other school debt. Susan says no. Selectman Hatfield says he would like to thank Susana and the board for all of their hard work. Selectman Hatfield asks if there was any progress with increasing funds for tuition students. Susan says yes however there is a year lag time before anything will take effect. Selectman Dill asks how it is working with superintendent agreements with other towns. Susan says that we have 22 agreements with New Portland and there is always more coming in than going out. Selectman Hatfield asks how much is needed for capital improvements. Susan says about ½ a million dollars. This year's plan is to do part of the Kingfield school roof. Chairman Moody says it is nice to see technical programs back at Mt. Abram.

Betty-Ann Listowich is recognized to discuss a historic map. Betty-Ann passes out copies and explains that this is a project she and Claudia Diller have been working on with the help of others. She has come to the board to ask for funding to print and to pay Claudia for her services. She explains that she has made arrangements with the Irregular to print 500 copies full color and the cost would be about \$190.00. She would like to pay Claudia \$500.00 which is a small amount in comparison to all the work she has put into this. Chairman Moody asks AA, Targett if there was a line item this could be taken from. AA, Targett suggests the Planning Funds line item that is used to pay Rodney as this is a form of economic development marketing which can be paid by TIF funds. Selectman Dill makes a motion to spend \$800.00 from Planning Funds. Seconded by Selectman Browne. All in favor. Selectman Hatfield asks if it will be costly to make changes. Betty-Ann says she doesn't think so and it will become property of the town.

Chairman Moody states that AA, Targett has provided the board with two town meeting warrants to discuss and sign one. She says I asked that there be an article that asks the towns people if they still have interest in the Cultural Center or VEC projects. Selectman Hatfield says if we are going to do this then it should be an article that covers the entire projects not just one or two. Selectman Dill says he doesn't think we need one at all because if people vote down the loan article it will signify that the project is not of interest or at the very least not at that cost. Selectman Browne reminds board that in 2011 the voters approved a VEC plan that was a conceptual drawing for seven items and depending on how the town vote goes it may be time to look at the other items going forward. Selectman Hatfield suggested that maybe the committee should go back to the drawing board with the comp plan in mind. AA, Targett states that the VEC plan was based from suggestions in the comp plan to begin with - it was created from how some of the ideas were interpreted. Selectman Browne suggests putting the as of date next to the town's indebtedness warrant article. Board agrees to not have articles regarding continued interest with the VEC plans. Board signs town warrant.

Chairman Moody says the next item is to review and sign the town report letter. She says AA, Targett sent it to everyone to review on google docs weeks ago and she made some changes to the first page. Board reviews letter and signs.

Next item is to review the town report. Chairman Moody says that the photo on the front is the picture of the kids at Kingfield Elementary School in the formation of a 200 for our bicentennial year. Chairman Moody says that this year's report is not dedicated to a particular individual it is dedicated to all residents, family and friends with a poem written about Kingfield by Karen Pease. AA, Targett says any changes will be made on Tuesday and dropped off at the printers Wednesday morning. Board accepts draft of the town report.

Chairman Moody says that AA, Targett has drafted a waiver and release form for the board to review that can be used in conjunction with the MOU. Board reviews release. Selectman Hatfield asks if the town's attorney has reviewed this. AA, Targett says no, not yet. Board instructs AA, Targett to send to Attorney Underkuffler for recommendation.

Chairman Moody asks if anyone has reviewed the drafted letter from Larry Warren on Carrabassett Bridge project that was e-mailed last week. Selectman Hatfield says he was at a meeting recently and can shed some light on it. Larry Warren has a bridge that he has agreed to

donate the bridge to the Town of Kingfield to use it to cross the Carrabassett River near the offices of Maine Huts & Trails across Route 27. This bridge and trailhead are anticipated to be used for people-powered trail and the parking and bridge can be shared with the snowmobile club to access their trails on the east side of the river. He believes Larry is trying to tie this together with a historic path to help with economic development. Larry expects to donate the bridge to the Town and coordinate the private fundraising with the Poland Spring TIF committee and town recreation committee. The Jordan Family is also considering constructing an indoor soccer facility, that may also serve as a community convention or conference facility. Kim Jordan says that they believe that tying the soccer facility to the recreational trails will significantly enhance the viability of the entire complex. Kim Jordan says it could bring a lot of revenue into Kingfield. Upon further discussion it is agreed that AA, Targett will contact all interested parties to invite them to an upcoming meeting for clarification. Larry will be asked to bring maps for further clarification.

Chairman Moody says a late entry is a liquor license renewal and amusement permit for Nostalgia Tavern. Board reviews both licenses. Selectman Browne makes a motion to accept the liquor license renewal as presented. Seconded by Selectman Dill. All in Favor. Selectman Browne makes a motion to accept the special amusement permit as presented. Seconded by Selectman Hatfield. All in Favor.

Old Business:

The board reviews the third draft of a memorandum of understanding (MOU's) for field use. Board suggests removing the first two paragraphs on page two. Selectman Hatfield makes a motion to accept as amended. Seconded by Selectman Browne. All in favor.

Public Comment/Other:

AA, Targett informs the board that there has been a request from the Marathon organizers to allow a bounce house at marathon finish line this year which will be supervised at all times, which she believes is for kids. Selectman Hatfield makes a motion to allow the bounce house. Seconded by Selectman Browne. All in favor.

AA, Targett says she was asked by Selectman Hatfield for an update on speed limits. She is still awaiting the signature of the commissioner before she receives anything back from the survey crew. She did receive confirmation on the grant she applied for to cover the cost of signs. We have received \$1,000.00 provided we match it with \$100.00

Chairman Moody states that we will start discussions at the next meeting on the parking lease with Diane Keoskie as that comes due in July.

AA, Targett states that the Bicentennial has requested the approval to sell bicentennial items at Town Meeting and she believes that the girl scouts will be doing refreshments. Board agrees to allow this.

Chairman Moody states that the appeals board is still looking for new members a full member and 2 alternates.

Selectman Browne states that he would like to continue working on Webster Hall and asks if we could move forward with ceiling tiles again. Chairman Moody asks that we look into the same tiles and some that may be a little nicer or little more expensive.

Selectman Dill says he would like to thank whomever it was that put up the flags in town as they look great. Chairman Moody says that it was done by Mike Shirley, Danielle Mathieu, Sarah Churchill and Mike Churchill

Selectman Hatfield asks about the discussions on face book that appear to be a topic of discussion regarding Eagle Ridge. Chairman Moody says the plans for the property are in the Code Enforcement Office and it is for a residence, as far as the signs are concerned those are just to keep the general public out. Selectman Hatfield asks if we are receiving tax revenue on it. Chairman Moody says yes, it is assessed accordingly.

Motion to adjourn by Selectman Browne. Seconded by Selectman Dill. All in Favor.